

An Elopement.

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"Father," said little Clarence La Font, "isn't mother ever coming back to us?"

There was no reply, and in a few moments the boy, who had his arms about his father's neck, felt a convulsive tremor.

"Go, father, and bring her. You know where she is, I'm sure."

Still the father did not speak. Instead he hugged his son closely to him. Then suddenly he said:

"For your sake, Clarence, I'll make an effort."

A lady driven up to her country residence in an automobile alighted and hurried into the house. In the hall she was accosted by a tall, intellectual looking man, but with something weak in his expression.

"Why, dear, what has kept you? Dinner has been ready half an hour."

"Well, well, must I always be on the minute?" And instead of waiting for the usual kiss she hurried upstairs to lay aside her wraps.

"Something wrong again," he muttered. "We were why the social code must pay the penalty. But she has always recovered from these moments of remorse. Doubtless she will do so now."

The recovery in this case did not come. Instead a gloom settled over the woman that he could not dispel, though he made every effort. He tried to win her from her melancholy by caresses. She repulsed him. He took her to the opera, to theaters, everywhere, anywhere, that he could place her in an atmosphere of excitement. She seemed for awhile to be lending herself willingly to the plan, but there was no change in her, and at last she declined to pursue it further. One thing alone she followed of her own choice. Every day an automobile wheeled to the door, and she entered it and sped away for a drive that was never short and often very long.

He was comforted that what could not be produced by other amusements was effected by this. Doubtless the breakneck speed, with an element of danger in it, served to overcome remorse. But he feared that one of the many accidents constantly occurring would happen to her.

"Sweetheart," he said one day after her return from a ride, "do you drive very fast?"

"As fast as the machine can be driven."

"Are you not afraid?"

"No. Automobile accidents do not maim; they give us oblivion."

He sighed and started to take her in his arms, but she turned away.

The next day when she went to ride he told her that he would go with her. He wished to observe if the chauffeur was careful or reckless. She passively consented. He was satisfied with what he saw. There was no carelessness, no reckless speed, but she sat beside him unmoved by any word he spoke to her and apparently uninterested in her surroundings. She was like a woman of stone.

Coming to a broad road stretching straight ahead for several miles, he ordered the chauffeur to increase the speed again and again till the machine was flying like the wind. Still the woman beside him sat like a statue. He felt for her hand, expecting that, moved by the awful speed at which they were running, she would involuntarily clutch his. It lay limp in his palm.

That was the last ride he ever took with her. The next afternoon when he came home he was told that she had gone, as usual, in the automobile. When dinner was announced she had not returned. He waited half an hour, then dined alone. His life became intolerable. Despairing of re-establishing his former relations, he wished that something would occur to break the connection. After dinner he lighted a cigar, but soon threw it away. Noticing an evening paper on a table beside him, he took it up. On the first page there were headlines in large print announcing an automobile accident. Two persons, a man and a woman, were killed.

Strange that he experienced a welcome relief.

He did not read what followed. He had long lived in dread of something terrible—he knew not what—and did not doubt that this horror was what he had feared, or if he doubted he did not dare read on, fearing a confirmation of what he believed. Conscience makes cowards of us all, and this man, who had robbed a husband of his wife and a child of his mother, shrank from the dreadful end of what he had done. He sat motionless, his face covered with his hands. A servant lighted the lights, but he did not hear. An hour passed, during which no sound aroused him, till at last he heard an automobile stop before the house. Starting up, he hurried to the door. A chauffeur, one he had never seen, met him there.

"I was told, sir, to bring this machine here."

The few words told a new story. She was not dead. She had left him.

A carriage stopped at the door of the house where the brief dialogue which opened the story took place. Clarence La Font, his eyes big with expectancy, went to the door. He saw his father hand out a lady. She raised a veil. With a wild cry the boy sprang into the arms of his mother.

Whoever heard of a man disguising himself as a chauffeur and gaining away with his own wife?

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JOHN MITCHELL MAKES PROTEST

Tell Miners' Convention His Sentence to Prison

WAS A "GREAT INJUSTICE"

Had No Knowledge of Act—Meeting to Consider Case, and Also Expiration, April 1, of Strike Commission Award.

Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—At the twentieth annual convention of the United Mine Workers, assembled in this city, President T. L. Lewis occupied the chair.

The president's address was largely a report. He reviewed the results of the special session of the representatives of the organization, held in Indianapolis last March, which resulted in the adoption of the policy that the various districts, separately or in groups, should endeavor to agree with the operators on contracts for one year, and at no reduction of wages. The interstate joint agreement has not been re-established.

"It is worthy of your attention," said Mr. Lewis in the course of his address, "that in our joint conference there is a growing disposition on the part of the operators to have penalty clauses inserted in the wage agreements. The principal reason assigned is that, if contracts are of any practical use, there should be no strikes during the life of the contract. We also should present some method that demonstrates that we are sincere in our desire to respect the terms of contracts."

"As the award of the strike commission expires on April 1 of this year, the delegates to this convention should carefully consider such plans as will best protect the interests of the anthracite mine workers."

Secretary W. D. Ryan began his report by congratulating the organization on its joint agreement with the operators, which was \$133,229.38. The large decrease in the funds of the organization. On April 1, 1908, it had on hand \$931,996, and on Dec. 1, \$595,739.37. The decrease he accounted for by showing that \$635,713.75 was expended during the year for aid of the membership, and that the general expense of the organization was \$133,229.38. The total expenses were \$818,943.13. The total amount paid out in aiding the members of the organization since 1900 was \$6,957,204.09.

During the eight months from April to November the salaries paid to the executive board and to other organizers amounted to \$56,219.30, and their expenses were \$50,503.07, a total of \$106,722.37. This was an excess of \$40,000 over the same period in 1907, and the secretary commented:

"It appears to me that the expenses incident to the management is increasing out of proportion to the growth of the organization."

Mr. Ryan recommended that the Buck Stove and Range company be taken off the unfair list, and that the individual members should be permitted to use their own judgment. In this connection he said that former President John Mitchell had been sentenced to jail by Judge Wright for an act committed while Mr. Mitchell was president at the last convention of the organization, and that the present convention should thoroughly consider the case. He read a letter from Mr. Mitchell in which the latter said that the resolution passed by the convention which had brought upon him his jail sentence had been passed without his knowledge and without his participation; and he felt, therefore, that a great injustice had been done to him.

Animal Oddities.

The boa constrictor has 320 pairs of ribs.

Swans keep water completely free of weeds.

The smallest quadruped is the pygmy mouse of Russia.

A mouse can gnaw a hole through a board an inch thick in three hours.

A curious fact about the fox is that when after a rabbit if he misses it at the first pounce he rarely chases it, but leaves it free to escape at leisure.

Pupils of cats' eyes contract from daylight to noon, when they resemble a very fine line. After 12 o'clock they begin to dilate until dark, when they attain greatest width.

Culinary Conceits.

Thin brown bread and butter sandwiches are the most appetizing accompaniments for fish salad of any sort.

A variety from potato cakes is to warm over the mashed potatoes in a double boiler, adding more butter, milk and a little cheese.

The secret of the Virginia housewife's savory roast duck is due to the orange flavor combined with it, for she uses one large or several small oranges in the body of the duck while roasting.

Facts From France.

Cement is used for roofing in France, especially near Lyons.

The emoluments of the officers of the French Academy of Sciences were fixed by Napoleon Bonaparte and have not been changed since that time.

The Parisians move slowly in some things. The Petit Parisien says that one of General Boulanger's election bills, placed nearly twenty years ago, is still to be seen on the wall at the corner of the Boulevard Richard Lenoir and the Rue St. Sa'v'.

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FORMER PARLIAMENT MEMBER TAKES HIS LIFE

Proban of Ireland Thought to Be Dead; Lost Fortune at Rawhide.

Rawhide, Nev., Jan. 21.—Investigation into the affairs of Thomas S. Niblock, the broker who committed suicide, shows that his real name was Thomas Proban of the well known family of that name of West Down, Ire.

He served in the Commons from West Down, and in the zenith of his career eloped with a celebrated Irish beauty. Four years later he left her in Paris and went to New York. The day he left she was killed in a train wreck and a man crushed beyond recognition in the same compartment of the wrecked train was buried as Proban by the members of his family.

Proban read of the affair, but maintained silence and allowed his family to continue in the belief that he was a victim of the wreck. He came to Nevada and won and lost a fortune before he committed suicide in a fit of despondency.

PLAYS THE UNWRITTEN LAW.

Mrs. Annis Says Her Husband Should Be Presumed Innocent.

New York, Jan. 21.—In a statement which she made Tuesday giving her opinion of the verdict which acquitted Thornton J. Hains of complicity in the killing of her husband, Mrs. William E. Annis expressed her detestation of what she called "that unspeakable thing, the unwritten law." As her husband never had an opportunity to be heard in his own defense, she declared, he should be presumed innocent of wrongdoing, as she presumed and should assume him to be. Of the verdict she said in her statement:

"It seems to me that it is in violation of the law, and I do not see how those twelve jurors, who swore they would respect the law, could act upon the unwritten law, that unspeakable thing, which claims to set aside and override the laws we have."

PRINCE TO WED CANADIAN GIRL.

Miss Margaret Duchesnay to Marry Hugo Peretti Tortona.

Quebec, Jan. 21.—The engagement is announced here of Hugo Tortona, Prince of Civitella, Italy, to Miss Margaret Duchesnay of Quebec. The match is the outcome of a romantic episode during Miss Duchesnay's visit to Italy last summer, her betrothed following her to New York and later to Quebec. Mr. Tortona will return to Italy in February and the wedding will take place here in May.

To Marry Miss Elkins.

London, Jan. 21.—The Evening News professes to have learned that the Duke of Abruzzi while in London talked with a representative of the Elkins family. The paper adds that it has reason to believe that the reports that the duke intends to resign from the navy and renounce his title in order to marry Miss Katherine Elkins are true.

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NEW ANXIETY OVER JAPAN

President and Secretary Root Apprehensive Concerning

THE CALIFORNIA ACTION

Washington Now Responsible—Agreement of Two Years Ago Gives Japan Good Excuse to Demand Reparation if Trouble Comes.

Washington, Jan. 21.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Root, as well as other officials here who are conversant with the inside facts of the Japanese situation, are apprehensive over it. They are well aware that if the bills aimed at the immigrants go through the California legislature, or if other impositions are put upon the Japanese of any sort by the California people, the federal government will be held responsible.

It is pointed out in high quarters that the situation now is different from what it was two years ago when the trouble came up over the San Francisco school question. Then the federal government could plead it had no power to coerce a sovereign state. But in consequence of that trouble California virtually abdicated its powers to the federal government in this matter, and an agreement was reached of a tripartite nature between the federal government, Japan, and California, whereby concessions were made on both sides, and Japan undertook to keep her people out of the United States by restricting passports.

Now, if any trouble comes by virtue of the position taken by the California authorities two years ago, Japan will hold the federal authorities responsible and demand apology and reparation from Washington for any harm to the Japanese.

President Roosevelt understands this. Doubtless he knows, too, the delicate situation in California, in that the Japanese and Americans do not get on well together, and a spark only is needed to cause an outbreak. For this reason he is determined to do everything he can to allay irritation and repress agitators in California.

The fact is not escaping attention here that it is only since the battleship fleet got out of Pacific waters that the Japanese situation has again begun to wear an ominous aspect.

ASSEMBLYMEN DEFIANT.

But Governor Will Probably Veto Japanese Measures.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 21.—The efforts of President Roosevelt to block anti-Japanese measures have not been received with much favor by the legislators. Grove L. Johnson, who has introduced the measures preventing aliens from acting as directors of corporations, is defiant and asserts that he will do all he can to push the anti-Japanese measures.

Senator Sanford, the leader of the Democratic caucus, calls the interference of the president impudent. Assemblyman Drew, who introduced the measure forbidding foreigners to hold property, is more conciliatory, but declares that he has received hundreds of communications advising him to stand by his bill.

From Governor Gillett's attitude, it is generally believed that no anti-Japanese legislation can possibly escape his veto.

PRINGLE TOO ACTIVE; DOESN'T GET HIS JOB

President Withdraws His Nomination From the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 21.—President Roosevelt yesterday withdrew the nomination of John D. Pringle as appraiser of merchandise at Pittsburgh. Pringle was appointed because, as a labor leader in the campaign, he supported the Republican ticket and opposed the Democrats. In the great municipal fight in Pittsburgh complaint has been made to the president that Pringle is using his influence as a Roosevelt appointee in behalf of one of the candidates.

The opposition candidate and his friends have stirred up trouble about it. They brought this matter to the attention of the president. The president is displeased and yesterday called in Senator Knox and withdrew Pringle's name.

JOHN L. WONT PLAY GOLF.

He Bids President Godspeed on His Trip to Africa.

Washington, Jan. 21.—John L. Sullivan saw the president yesterday to bid him godspeed on his trip to Africa. John L. said he'd like to go to Africa himself.

Indignant denial was given by the ex-pugilist to a rumor that he is going to learn to play golf so as to be in favor with the next administration.

"The strenuous life for me," said he, "questioned as to ring matters, Sullivan said Jeffries could never get in his job to fight Johnson. 'He's too old. He's lost his speed. He has been living a pretty fast clip the last few years.'"

New World Bowling Record.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 21.—The world's bowling record for tournament scores was yesterday broken at the state bowling tournament, the Krollman five-man team from Cincinnati scoring a total of 2,251, besting the record of the Bonds five-man team of this city, made at the tournament at Cincinnati last year, by four points.

On Trust Rebate Case Feb. 23. Chicago, Jan. 21.—United States District Judge Anderson yesterday set Feb. 23 for beginning the trial of the rebate case against the Standard Oil company of Indiana. This is the case in which Judge Landis' fine of \$29,240,000 was reversed by the appellate court.

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Don't fear to eat the food you like for as you know the body requires a variety of it and that which you don't eat may be the very thing you need to supply the necessary strength for your body.

We say eat what you want and let Kodol digest it. Nor do you have to take Kodol all the time; you wouldn't want to have to take it all the time. Take it just when you need it, and in that way allow it to help the stomach to get strong and well.

But when you do eat what you want and what you like best, be sure that all the food is digested; you must be sure that the stomach is able to digest it.

Else that portion of the food, which remains in the stomach undigested, irritates the stomach lining, and that is what causes pain. Then again undigested food ferments in the stomach and that is what causes sour risings, gas and belching.

VICTIMS OF UNKNOWN NORTH.

The Mystery of Sir John Franklin and the Jeannette.

Of the explorers who have never returned from the frozen north since the day when Sir John Franklin and over a hundred souls mysteriously vanished forever from the sight of man, poor George De Long and his companions of the Arctic steamer Jeannette perhaps furnish the saddest example. My old friend, Commodore Melville, one of the few survivors of the ill-fated expedition only lately gave me a brief account of a tragedy, the horror of which have seldom been surpassed—even in the dark annals of Polar enterprise, writes Harry De Windt.

The Jeannette, a screw steamer, previously known as Sir Allen Young's Pandora, left San Francisco for Behring Straits in the summer of 1879, and entered the pack due north of the latter, hoping to establish winter quarters at Wrangell Land. But the vessel was soon firmly jammed in the ice and swept away in a northwesterly direction, far from the coveted goal. Winter crept on with its furious gales and blizzards and the Jeannette was once only saved by a miracle from being dashed to destruction by the floes.

Another summer found the ship helplessly drifting at the mercy of the pack. Two years after leaving San Francisco Melville risked his life to hoist the American flag on a barren rock, now mapped as Jeannette island, and a few days later a similar islet was discovered and named Lidenia. Some useful work had therefore been accomplished, which revived the hopes of De Long and his now despairing crew. There was even some attempt at jollification on board to celebrate these events, and no one anticipated the sudden and total loss of the ship, which occurred only a week later.

On the 12th of June, 1881, a terrific hurricane arose and the Jeannette was literally smashed in two by the tremendous pressure, and went down bodily leaving her crew shelterless several hundred miles from land. Let the reader picture the situation—the leagues of ice and storm-swept sea which lay between this miserable handful of men and the coast of Siberia (itself a death trap of cold and hunger) and let them then realize the dogged pluck of De Long, who could, under such ghastly conditions, cheerfully enter in his journal: "Jeannette went down at 4 a. m. Set up tents on the ice. Getting sleds and boats ready. Everything bright and cheerful. In the evening a Lutenbach serenaded us with his harmonica."

The Jeannette expedition now struck south for the New Siberian Islands, and during this harassing and perilous journey Melville was the most energetic and resourceful member of the party; most of whom were doomed to destruction. Five boats and nine sledges carried sixty days' provisions, which under derelict and enfeebled men and dogs could scarcely drag at a small pace. Bennett Island was eventually reached, after terrible hardships, in twenty days, and here they landed and obtained a supply of food by shooting the sea birds which swam about the ice-bound mass of granite.

Leaving this on the 8th of August, the Lidenia islands were reached eleven days later. And from these to the Siberian coast extended open water. Many of the party were now sick and footsore, all were exhausted by cold and hunger, but the indomitable Melville urged them on with the fact that every inactive hour must lessen the chance of salvation. So they embarked, one gray, tempestuous morning, on a mountainous sea, in three ship's boats.

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Returned in Case Tried in New York City Yesterday.

New York, Jan. 20.—Thomas Taggart, one time chairman of the national Democratic committee, took the stand in his own defense yesterday in an action brought in the supreme court by Reed Carradine, a former press agent for the committee, who charges that Taggart caused him to be unlawfully imprisoned on September 22, 1905.

Carradine testified that Mr. Taggart, after introducing him to a bank cashier, had him taken into custody by a detective until he proved that a check which the cashier had cashed for him was good.

The jury returned a verdict in favor of Carradine for \$2,500.

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SIRENS AND SONS.

Judge Gray of Delaware is one of the most humane of men. His love of nature extends to all living things, and he refuses either to fish or shoot.

President Charles W. Elliot of Harvard university, who has resigned and will leave next May the position he has filled for forty years, will be seventy-five years old next March.

The state of Washington boasts of a legislator, Hugh C. Todd, only twenty-four years old. He was graduated at the state college two years ago and has already been clerk of his county.

Professor Lippmann, the Nobel prize winner, is known throughout the world for his remarkable investigations in color photography, to which he has devoted the last twenty years of his life.

Ernest T. Hargrove, who a dozen years ago was president of the American Theosophical society, is now a lay reader of the Protestant Episcopal church and in charge of one of New York's downtown mission chapels.

Abraham Rosenstien, eighteen years old, a Boston newsboy, has been chosen as the third recipient of the Newsboys' Union Harvard scholarship. Rosenstien was graduated from the Phillips grammar school and from the Boston English high school.

That irreconcilable Boer soldier General Ben Viljoen, who came to settle in America after the conquest of the Boer republic, has made decided progress in his adopted country by becoming a naturalized citizen and a member by special appointment of the staff of Governor Curry of New Mexico.

Law Points.

The validity of an ordinance forbidding the solicitation of patronage at depots while trains are stopping there is sustained in *Emerson versus McNeil*, 84 Ark. 552, 106 S. W. 479, 15 L. R. A. (N. S.), 715.

The reading by plaintiff and his wife of a libelous letter concerning plaintiff and addressed to his wife is held in *Kramer versus Perkins*, 102 Minn. 455, 118 N. W. 1002, 15 L. R. A. (N. S.), 1141, to constitute a publication thereof.

Pointing an unloaded pistol at another, who does not know that the weapon is not loaded and is put in fear by the act, is held in *Price versus United States* (C. C. A.), 166 Fed. 950, 15 L. R. A. (N. S.), 1272, to be an assault, though not an assault with a dangerous weapon.

Chinese Proverbs.

It is easier to visit friends than to live with them.